

**MINUTES OF THE PLAN COMMISSION**  
**May 21, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Plan Commission was called to order by Chairman Mark Moore at 7:53 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Members present: Chairman Mark Moore, Scott Adams, William Cotey, Dan Donahue, Walter Oakley, and Kurt Schultz.

Members absent: David Semmelman.

A quorum was established.

Village Staff present: John Spoden, Director of Community Development; David Smith, Senior Planner; and Fred Chung, Senior Project Engineer.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**PC 12-01      Village of Libertyville, Applicant**

**Request is for an amendment to Section 11 of the Libertyville Zoning Code relating to sign regulations.**

Mr. John Spoden, Director of Community Development, introduced the proposed sign regulation changes for the Zoning Code. Mr. Spoden presented proposed changes to the Temporary Sign section, changes to the signs for gas stations, proposal to reduce maximum allowed sign area for Professional Directory signs and Real Estate signs.

Commissioner Donahue stated that consideration could be given to doing a survey of other communities in order to determine a common sign size.

Mr. Spoden stated that Staff is recommending that New Business signs receive a 60 day permit.

Commissioner Cotey stated that he is concerned about the proliferation of 'gaudy' looking signs.

Chairman Moore stated that consideration should be given to reducing the number temporary signs.

Commissioner Schultz stated that consideration should be given to doing a survey in order to determine the appropriate balloon size for the auto dealerships.

Mr. Spoden stated that consideration could be given to limiting the use of balloons only to the C-5 District and further limiting their number and size.

Mr. Spoden introduced proposed size reductions to Construction and Real Estate signs.



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Commissioner Donahue stated that consideration could be given to allowing Real Estate signs in the windows of store fronts.

Mr. Spoden stated that there are those commercial centers that do not have frontage on the street such as Cambridge Plaza.

Commissioner Cotey stated that consideration could be given to permitting Real Estate signs after a center falls below a certain vacancy threshold.

Commissioner Donahue stated that consideration could be given to requiring empty tenant panels be allowed for Real Estate sign space.

Commissioner Schultz stated that consideration could be given to requiring that Real Estate signs be required to meet certain aesthetic requirements.

Mr. Spoden stated that Staff will give further review and consideration to New Development signs and Gas Station signs.

Chairman Moore stated that consideration should be given to regulating certain type face size for signs.

Commissioner Schultz stated that he would like to see some examples.

*In the matter of PC 12-01, Commissioner Donahue moved, seconded by Commissioner Adams, to continue this item to the June 25, 2012, Plan Commission meeting.*

*Motion carried 6 - 0.*

*Ayes: Moore, Adams, Cotey, Donahue, Oakley, Schultz*

*Nays: None*

*Absent: Semmelman*

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND DISCUSSION:**

Mr. John Spoden, Director of Community Development, announced that there will be a Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for June 19, 2012.

Commissioner Donahue moved and Commissioner Adams seconded a motion to adjourn.

Motion carried 6 - 0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.